CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

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603rd MEETING, PLAZA ROOM (2nd Floor South) PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

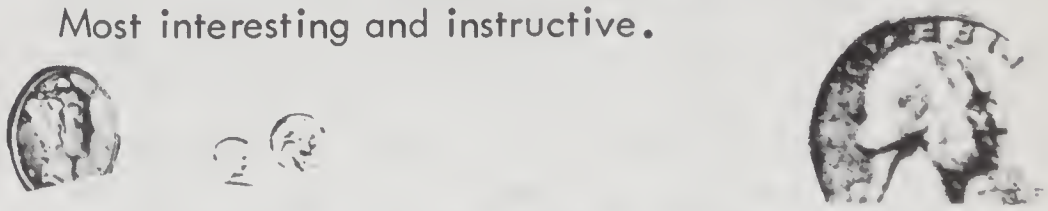
MARCH MEETING NOTES

About 50 members and friends of the Club enjoyed a good meeting in the Washington Room, on March 12. While attendance is not what it was in the years before many other clubs in the area competed, the meetings are lively and worthy of more attention. Exhibits and talks about them are excellent; there are informal discussions of numismatic events and news; a program on a selected topic; and good fellowship each month.

Being the deadline for ordering the Club's 50th Anniversary medal in bronze, James Grebinger accepted orders which put the number wanted at well over 100. An order was subsequently placed for 200 pieces, about 20 of which will be uniface of the reverse die for use as awards. The delivery date is uncertain, due to the work-load at Medallic Art Co., but we hope to have them before the May 2-4 Central States convention.

Applications for membership were read for Jerome K. Goldberg, Chicago, and Joseph B. Rosenbery, Park Forest. *** The members voted to invite the A.N.A. to hold its 1974 convention in Chicago. In line with custom, the A.N.A. board probably will decide on this convention at its mid-February, 1970, meeting. *** General Chairman Eisenberg reported on plans for the May 2-4 Central States convention at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel. This subject is covered more fully in this issue of the CHATTER - everyone is urged to read it. *** A committee composed of Harry Boosel, James Budd and Harold Klein recommended that the Club nominate the following for A.N.A. officers in this year's election; president, Herbert M. Bergen; governors, Ray Byrne, Virginia Culver, Virgil Hancock, George Hatie, Charles Johnson and Glenn Smedley. A majority of members present approved the committee's recommendation. *** It happened again the member whose name was the first one drawn for the monthly attendance prize was present, so Lee F. Hewitt gets free 1970 membership. *** President Babka announced that James Grebinger and Glenn Smedley will head up the project of issuing a Chicago Coin Club BULLETIN for 1969.

This publication will be similar to those which used to be issued each year or two, the last one having been dated 1957. Printing costs have been a large factor in the lapse; it being made possible this year by the recent generous donation by member Richard McP. Cabeen. *** Fine and diverse exhibits were shown, but I failed to make a list of the exhibitors and from memory can name only Gerda Birkholz, Harry X Boosel (his magnificient U. S. Proof coins of 1873), Gary Krug and myself. I do hope others will forgive me for omitting their names this time. *** President Babka closed the evening with a showing of the Medallic Art Company's sound film "Let's Take a Trip." It showed the step by step production of a medal in the Company's New York establishment. Babka illustrated the process further by exhibiting a set of medals in the various stages from blank to final product in several finishes. Most interesting and instructive.



At the April 9th meeting, new member Joseph Scheidler will present a program on an unusual subject - the coins placed on Abraham Lincoln's eyes after his death. Lincoln died on April 15, 104 years ago, making this a timely topic.

PERSONAL NOTES

With sadness, we report the death of John S. Schwartz on March 12. John had been a coin collector since 1939, joining the Club as number 401 in October 1943 and the A. N. A. (9785), about the same time. He was a regular attend-an ant at meetings until ill health kept him away during recent years. We express our sympathy to his widow, Agnes, in her great loss.

As this is written, August and Evelyn Hausske are enjoying the warmer (and sunny?) climate of Puerto Rico or Florida. They planned to visit both places but should be home for the meeting.

Happy birthday to all of you who were born in April. Sorry I don't know who you are.

Have you paid your dues? In doing so, or in sending anything to Sec-Treas. Marjorie Baker, use the address shown in the CHATTER heading.

A CORRECTION

Being one who cautions writers to choose their words carefully, I am abashed at a slip in last month's CHATTER. Bureau Director Conlon reproved me for saying that he was "noncommittal" on the suggestion that our paper money be printed in various colors. On the occasion referred to, Mr. Conlon spoke at length on the Bureau's views about this matter, thus committing himself very clearly and fully. I intended to say only that he did not indicate that he would or would not try to put the proposal into effect. It was not my intent to criticize Director Conlon or to accuse him of being uncommunicative.

FINAL C.S.N.S. CONVENTION PLANS

Many people will travel many miles to attend the 50-30 convention at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel May 2-4, but the majority of Club members won't have very far to go. Chairman Howard B. Eisenberg and his committee have planned well and announce the following outline program.

May 1 will be "P.N.G. Day," with a 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. bourse to which admission will be by invitation. Members of the Club usually are welcomed, but we have had no blanket invitation as of this writing.

The convention proper will be open to all at 10 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday; closing at 10 p.m. Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday. A security room will be available to all registered visitors from Wednesday to Monday.

The bourse space of 65 tables is fully reserved with a waiting list for any that may be cancelled, reports Bourse Chairman Marty Greene.

Much of the exhibit space has been taken and Exhibit Chairman Budd expects other requests to fill it before the deadline of April 20. This will be a tryout for the new classifications and it appears that collectors are interested. Any C.S.N.S. member who hasn't reserved space is urged to write at once to James R. Budd at 130 Chicago Ave. #4, Oak Park, Ill. 60302.

Rare Coin Company of America will conduct auction which features the August Hausske collection which won numerous awards over the years at shows and conventions, including those of the C.S.N.S. and A.N.A. Catalogs will be available to those who register or from RARCOA, 31 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. 60602

The Society's business meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, and a special educational forum at 1 p.m. William Pettit will moderate the forum which will feature Dr. and Mrs. V. Clain-Stefanelli of the Smithsonian Institution and other well known numismatists. The topic to be discussed will be "Numismatics as Part of a College Curriculum - Fact or Fiction?" Everyone is invited to attend without charge.

A very special luncheon has been arranged for the ladies in the Hotel at 12 noon Saturday. A treat will be Frank Pope of the world famous Pope School of Fancy Cookery showing the ladies how to prepare a complete meal fit for a king and living up to the School's name. Those present will receive the complete menu and recipes for this fancy meal. Total cost is only $3.00 but advance reservations will be necessary. To assure getting a ticket, send a note or post card to Luncheon Chairwoman Phillis Eisenberg, 1308 Spring St., Madison, Wisc. 53715 (or see her at the April 9 meeting.

Following a Dutch treat cocktail hour Saturday evening, the annual banquet will be held at 8 p.m. Arrangements by Banquet Chairman Andrew Oberbillig include a delicious meal and entertainment, all for $8.00. C.S.N.S. Honorary President Lee F. Hewitt will be Master of Ceremonies. Our own widely known Elston Bradfield expects to attend and present the first award bearing his name to the author of the best article published in THE CENTINEL. The Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award is provided to the Society by the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation.

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605th MEETING, WASHINGTON ROOM, PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

APRIL MEETING NOTES

Attendance was good (50 to 60) at the April 9 meeting in the Plaza Room. As in the case of most of our meetings, a report of the specific meeting actions, talks, exhibits, etc. falls short of telling the whole story. Certainly many members look forward to the visits, chats and exchanges with other members (and guests) as much as to the meeting itself. Yes, good fellowship is a worthwhile, if intangible, part of our meetings.

Howard Eisenberg and his committee chairmen gave reports on plans for the Central States convention, which will have become numismatic history by the time you read this. The new exhibit classes have caused quite a stir but evidently are favored by most of those concerned - at any rate, Chairman Budd has all the reservations he can handle. *** Jerome Goldberg and Joseph Rosenberg were admitted to membership and we hope to see them regularly at future meetings. Gary C. Krug of LaGrange Park, who is well known to many of us, submitted his application for membership. *** After the drawing of only two absentee members, Stanley Kruswicki won the attendance prize of free membership next year. *** The interesting and informative exhibits were by Gerda Birkholz, Harry X Boosel, James L. Doak, Gary C. Krug, J. Thomas Nolan, William Pettit and Glenn Smedley. In speaking on his exhibit, Krug called attention to his experience in finding many unusual numismatic items at gun shows. *** Joseph Scheidler gave a most interesting talk on the coins purported to have been placed on Abraham Lincoln's eyes at his death. The very coins have been preserved and are documented, although the statements aren't in full agreement about the details. Scheidler showed photo-copies of the documents and of the mounting in which the coins are sealed.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard McP. Cabeen, a long-time Club member, died suddenly in his home on April 13. His energy and activity belied his age of 81 years.

"Dick" Cabeen joined the Club as member 338 in 1938 and for many years attended meetings frequently. He and Mrs. Cabeen were present at the 600th meeting on January 8 at which the Club honored him with a 50th Anniversary silver medal in a presentation case. His generous cash gift to the Club, about a year ago, has been memoralized by the establishment of the Richard McP. Cabeen Annual Award for the best monthly meeting exhibits each year. His first love as a hobbyist was philately. He was a 58-year member of the Chicago Philatelic Society, and three years ago received the American Philatelic Society's highest honor, the Luft Award.

To readers of the Sunday Chicago Tribune, Cabeen's name was widely known as the author of its column, "The Stamp Collector," which he had written regularly since 1923. For about the last three years he wrote "The Coin Collector" for the same paper. He had been associated with the architectural firm of Holabird, Root and Burgee for many years, going home from the office a little early the Thursday before his death because of not feeling well.

The Club has lost one of its most highly regarded members. We offer condolences to his devoted wife, Blema, in the loss of her esteemed husband.

Harry Flower was in the group which went on a flying tour of Israel March 10-20, and will report on the experience at the May 14 meeting. His enthusiasm and knowledge of Israeli history and numismatics assure us of a most interesting and informative talk.

PERSONALS

Louis Nagy is reported to be recovering nicely from a throat operation. We hope to be seeing him at meetings soon and often.

We understand that J. Thomas Nolan was hospitalized recently with a back ailment but expects to return to normal activity soon.

As some of you know, I. T. Kopicki's absence from meetings has been due to a back ailment also but he is improving and we expect him at future meetings.

The following Club members were invited guests at the April annual dinner meeting of the Calumet Numismatic Club, the oldest coin club in the Chicago area (except C.C.C., of course): The Grebingers, Hausskes, Kopickis and Smedleys. Your editor is understandably proud of the fine metallic Life Membership No. 5 card presented to him at the meeting. At least two other C.C.C. members, long-time members of the C.N.C., are among its first four L.Ms. - M. H. Jackson and Arthur Rutz.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

It's true that we are seeing some fine exhibits at our meetings; the only complaint being that too few members are taking part. Wouldn't you be proud to win a Richard McP. Cabeen award at the end of the year, even the second place one? Three meetings have gone by this year (no exhibits in January) but there are still eight to go, so you can still get in the race with a chance to win. Remember that the size of the exhibit is not important. You'll get a good score for attractive and interesting material, coupled with a brief but instructive talk about it. Why not try - you have nothing to lose!

Of course, you must be a paid-up member to win, but surely you paid your dues -- or have you forgotten?

50 - 30 CONVENTION BRIEFS

It was a good convention, as many of you who will read this know. As of 1 p.m. Sunday (the deadline for this report), there were 820 paid registrations and 560 free admissions, for a total of 1380 persons. So the final figure probably exceeded 1500. The Saturday evening banquet was enjoyed by 180 members and guests.

Only one bourse table was cancelled and it was re-sold, so there were 70 dealers in the room unless Marty slipped a few extras in. With regret we record the death of Leonard Stark's father who had been quite ill for several weeks, resulting in the one cancellation. We heard several dealers praise the convention and none complaining - and gripers usually make themselves heard above any hubub.

The exhibits were truly excellent and the new classifications resulted in little if any confusion, although it's too soon to pass final judgement on this experiment. Exhibit winners were as follows: 1st, 2nd and third (those starred are C.C.C. members): Art & Archeology - Walter Sheridan, Gale Highsmith and June Budd*; Economics and Commerce - James Plath*, M. M. Burgett and A. R. Birkholz*; History - M. M. Burgett, Dr. George Podlusky and Don Doswell*; Geography-Dr. John Davenport, Philip Budd* and Ruth Hammell; Religion & Mythology - J. L. Grebinger*, Thomas Klunzinger and K. E. Bressett*; General Claude Bachtell, Betty Blanchard and Victor Siebert.

It would be foolish to try to list the widely known numismatists who attended the convention, so I won't try. Among them were six of the nine members of the A.N.A. board of governors, plus its executive director, Adna G. Wilde, Jr. One of the six was President Arthur Sipe who was accompanied by his lovely wife, Polly.

Many persons, in and out of the Club, were disappointed that "Brad" could not be at the banquet to present the first Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award, which is given each year for the best article published in THE CENTINEL during the previous year. Supplied by the Lewis M. Reagan Memorial Foundation, the 1968 Award went to Russell E. Porter of Milwaukee.

The turnout of Club members to help Chairman Eisenberg during the show was most gratifying. They will be needed again, with additions to the crew, to help at the PNG show this fall. Finally our congratulation to Lee F. Hewitt for the fine job he did of serving as Master of Ceremonies at the banquet - a position that Lee claims he never held before but which he handled like an old pro.

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605th MEETING, WASHINGTON ROOM, PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

MAY MEETING NOTES

The 45 to 50 who attended the May 14 meeting in the Washington Room enjoyed informal visits, heard reports of a great Central States convention, saw some (still too few) exhibits, and learned some things about Israel from Flower's recount of his recent trip there. Howard Eisenberg reported on the convention, with supplementary comments by James Budd and William Pettit, and then presented medallic tokens of appreciation to his committee chairmen for their work.

The medals were uniface strikes in a nickel alloy from the reverse die of our 50th Anniversary medal, suitably engraved on the blank side. Recipients were members Babka, Boosel, Budd, Grebinger, Greene, More, Nolan, Oberbillig, Peterson, Pettit, Ryant and Smedley. Yes, one was made for Chairman Eisenberg too but, to emphasize the outstanding and successful effort he put forth, the committee gold plated his medal.

Gary C. Krug was admitted to membership and, figuratively, had a red face at having forgotten to bring his exhibit to the meeting. Your editor's face is red, too, at having misspelled a new member's name in the last CHATTER. Thanks to friend Joseph Rosenbery for calling it to my attention. (It was only a tiny error, but just one letter changed "Rosenbery" to "Rosenberg.")

Exhibitors were Harry Boosel, Harry Flower, Dennis Forgue, William Pettit and Glen Smedley. Odd coincidence - three of the five exhibits were of material of the bank-note era, two being checks. Harry Flower showed items relating to his mid-March tour of Israel, about which he spoke as the feature of the evening. With the help of maps and pictures, Harry reminded us of the history of the area and then described the places he visited and what he saw in modern Israel. Incidentally, he saw counterfeit U. S. gold coins openly offered for sale at bargain prices.

The recent passing away of member Richard Cabeen was observed by a minute of silent meditation by all present.

Vice President Lee Hewitt read excerpts from and commented on a Treasury Department release relative to coinage matters. It lifted the ban on the melting and export of silver coins, proposed changing the half dollar to a non-silver coin, recommended sale of the 2.9 million silver dollars held by the Treasury, and commented favorably on the minting of a non-silver dollar coin. Lee's motion that the Club write to Secretary David M. Kennedy relative to non-silver coins was approved, and a copy of the letter is on the second page of this CHATTER.

WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

For many years the Club has had name badges for members to wear at meetings, but their use has been sporadic. President Babka asks those who have badges to wear them at the June meeting. A new badge will be given to each member who does not have one, and all are urged to use them at future meetings. The supply is not unlimited, so members who've been around a few years should try to locate their old ones.

Whether or not you collect paper money you should find the slides in my talk about "Art on Paper Money" interesting. If you have not studied the subject, there'll be some surprises in this 20-minute talk at the June 11 meeting by your editor.

PERSONAL NOTES

It used to be that people in the north went to Florida in the winter but times have changed. The M. Vernon Sheldons moved to West Palm Beach in April, and the Harold Kleins signed up for a home in Clearwater which they plan to occupy in July or August. Both families are long-time Chicago area residents and both men are high on the list of those numismatists who made this a great Club. They will be missed as club members and as friends, but we wish them much happiness as Floridans. Bring your January tans back for us to envy now and then - any month of the year!

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE *(next column)*

Only about 40 of the 182 bronze 50th Anniversary medals remain unsold. Any member who wants one for himself or a friend should remit $5.00 promptly to J. L. Grebinger, P.O. Box 614, Oak Park, Ill. 60301. Make check payable to Chicago Coin Club. There are no plans to strike any of these medals in the future - in fact, the obverse die is to be defaced soon.

Jim Grebinger is assembling material for the Club's 1969 Bulletin, and will welcome your suggestions as to items to be included. No annual bulletin has been issued since 1957 and we will try to make this a good one. This project was made possible by the contribution of the late "Dick" Cabeen - shouldn't you take part in making it a reality worthy of his memory?

Honorable David M. Kennedy
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

May 23, 1969

Dear Secretary Kennedy:

Your Department's release of May 12 and your statement to the Joint Commission on the Coinage that day were received and discussed by members of the Chicago Coin Club at its regular meeting on May 14.

Relative to the proposal to mint a non-silver half dollar, Club members feel that changing the metallic content of the coin will have but little, if any, bearing on the circulation of the coin.

Going back to the Benjamin Franklin half dollar, some 482 million of this design were minted and there was no problem in circulating them as issued. After the 392 million 90 percent silver John F. Kennedy design half dollars failed to circulate, 760 million 40 percent silver pieces with the same design were struck and, as you stated, very few are actually circulating. We cannot see that changing to non-silver metal will materially improve the situation so far as circulation is concerned.

We favor the issuance of a non-silver dollar coin, recommended in your statement to the Commission. However, we do not believe that such a coin, or the half dollar denomination, will circulate if either one carries a portrait of the late Dwight D. Eisenhower.

This is not an inference that we are opposed to an Eisenhower portrait coin. If national heroes and eminent persons are to be honored on coins, we suggest that commemorative coins be issued at premium prices, thus eliminating the circulation problem.

Sincerely yours,

CHICAGO COIN CLUB
By James J. Babka, President

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606th MEETING, PLAZA ROOM, PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

The August meeting will be held one week early - on August 6 - to miss the ANA convention

JUNE MEETING NOTES

With good attendance, we had a lively meeting in the Plaza Room on June 11. Some of the older members wore their name badges and many new ones were passed out to those who didn't have one. It will help us get better acquainted if all at future meetings will wear their badges.

Marjorie Baker announced that she has been notified that the A. N. A. 50-year membership certificate will be awarded to the Club at the August 12-16 convention in Philadelphia. This is an honor which very few clubs have received ahead of us. *** President Babka stated that he will be in charge of the Club's activities at the show to be held by the PNG at the LaSalle Hotel October 16-18. Some needed revenue comes from this show, so it is important that members lend a hand. *** Some opposition was voiced regarding the personal letter enclosed with the June CHATTER but, after some discussion pro and con, the consensus was that there was nothing wrong with it so long as there was no indication of official opinions and no cost to the Club. *** Exhibits were by the "faithfuls": Gerda Birkholz Harry Boosel, Don Doswell, Wm. Pettit and Glenn Smedley. Seriously, why don't more members exhibit? Smedley showed slides of paper money and related items to illustrate his talk about "Art on Paper Money".

PERSONAL NOTES

William Hoppe announced at the June meeting that he is to be awarded the A. N. A. 25-year continuous membership silver medal at the Philadelphia convention and asked that someone in the Club receive it for him since he cannot attend. Congratulation, Member Hoppe. (Are there other members due for this award this year?)

Several members have July birthdays, including A. E. Bebee the 9th, Ralph Goldstone and Editor Smedley the 13th, and Matt Jackson 17th.

CANDIDATE THANKS CLUB

George D. Hatie, one of the A.N.A. candidates nominated by the Club, wrote to Club Representative Howard Eisenberg as follows: "It is most gratifying to know that your Club has nominated me for re-election to the A.N.A. Board. Thank you very much for your support. If I can ever be of service to any of you, kindly let me know".

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From THE NUMISMATIST of April, 1944 "The annual issue (Chicago Coin Club Bulletin, Vol. IX) is, as always a pleasing production. The usual membership list appears, and the itemized contents of their library requires nearly 3 pages. Their constitution and by-laws, also published, might well be used as a model for other clubs in process of organization. Two interesting illustrated articles are included, one by Wm. Evans, 'Mostly About U.S. Dollars,' and the other entitled 'The Noble and the Angel, 'by Wm. Rayson -- a member so perfectly at home among the intricacies of English coinage."

Peter Spadoni will show slides of his extensive collection of A.N.A. convention badges at the July 9 meeting. This is very timely with the 78th anniversary convention being held next month. There are very few anywhere near complete collections of these badges.

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607th MEETING, LINCOLN ROOM, PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

This meeting will be held one week early - on August 6 - to miss the ANA convention

MOON MUSING

What does one write when he has just watched the end of a week of unbelievable feats which saw, and allowed people all over this planet to see, men walk on the moon AND return home safely? It was great, to say the least, but life goes on here even it it lasted only briefly on the moon. Just don't expect me to forget my humility or to extol our numismatic achievements.

JULY MEETING NOTES

The July 9 meeting was held in the Plaza Room with about 45 in attendance, including four visitors. One visitor was Stewart Koppel, president of the Aurora Coin Club, who applied for membership in C.C.C. New member William Boss of Elmhurst was welcomed in absentia. *** Greetings were read from C. Sam Carlson, visiting in his native Sweden. On display were a couple of photos relating to C.C.C. activities of past years which were donated to the Club by Carlson. *** Was it coincidence or is our appeal for more exhibits being heeded? Whatever the reason, it was nice to see exhibits by Marjorie Baker, Harry Boosel, Harry Flower, Dennis Forgue, Marty Green, Gary Krug, Wm. Pettit and Editor Smedley. *** Peter Spadoni showed color slides of his collection of A.N.A. convention badges and some of the medals and tokens issued on these occasions. His collection is quite extensive and includes many of the seldom-seen badges of early years. And the slides, which I believe Peter himself made, are beautiful.

PERSONAL NOTES

Member I. T. Kopicki's mother died on July 17 following several months if illness. It seems that none of us knew of his loss at the time so we can only express our sympathy belatedly.

Mrs. Blema Cabeen, widow of our late member Richard Cabeen, is reported to have died in her home on July 23, just over three months after Richard's death. They had no children.

By the time you read this the Harold Kleins will be nearly packed for their move to Clearwater. New home ready there; Hinsdale home sold! We wish you happiness on the Gulf, but hope you'll miss us a little - we shall miss you.

Gerda and Al Birkholz have returned from the trip to Germany with only one complaint - there was lots of rain there too. They will give us a slide recap of their interesting visit to Gerda's native land, probably at the September meeting.

The Babkas spent a week in Wisconsin and had a complaint also - the fishing was "lousy."

Howard Eisenberg reports that he is making a listing of medals, tokens, etc. relating to Chicago Coin Club and its predecessor organizations. He asks members who have such items and information about them, especially the Chicago Numismatic Round Table, to communicate with him. 1308 Spring St., Madison, Wisc.s 53715.

Member James Plath, one of the outstanding young numismatists in the country, will give a talk at the August 6 meeting on the "Retrogression of the Ancient Roman Coinage." This is an interesting subject, provoking the question - is our own money undergoing regression? Jim plans to have an exhibit to illustrate his talk.

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608th MEETING, GRANT PARK ROOM, 3rd FLOOR NORTH, PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

AUGUST MEETING NOTES

Highlight of the August 6 meeting was James Plath's paper "Retrogression of the Ancient Roman Coinage," which won an award for the author as one of the best articles of numismatic research by a junior A.N.A. member last year. We were pleased that his father came to the meeting to hear the very fine reading of this award winning article. We look forward to hearing from James again soon.

Aurora Coin Club President Stewart Koppel became a member of C.C.C. Incidentally, Aurora Coin Club paid the expenses of one of its members, Ben Redman, to the numismatic seminar held jointly by the A.N.A. and Colorado College, July 13-19. We would be pleased to hear a report of this event from Redman or Koppel so that we may consider such participation next summer. *** Chairman Howard Eisenberg of the recent Central States convention assured us that it was financially successful and that the Club will receive a check soon for its participation. *** Exhibits were by Marjorie Baker, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel (a most unusual group of five 1873 trade dollars illustrating different surfaces on mint condition coins), Howard Eisenberg, William Pettit, James Plath and Glenn Smedley. Some of the exhibits stimulated comments from the floor, a desirable feature of any meeting.

PNG SHOW OCTOBER 16-18

The time is drawing near, so please read and heed! President Babka has selected Frank Zaylik to be exhibit chairman and here's where some of you can start. Fill out the form on page 2 and send it to Frank if you'd like to exhibit. The number of cases is quite limited but a good variety of material is wanted. This will not be a competition and exhibitor will receive the beautiful PNG exhibit medal. So if you'd like to exhibit something, even a small but interesting display, let Frank know right away. Get the application in by September 15 and you will be notified one way or the other soon thereafter.

There will be other ways to help also, such as at the registration desk for which the Club is entirely responsible. Please let Babka or Registration Chm. J. Thomas Nolan know at the Sept. 10 meeting when you will help, or contact Nolan at phone 549-4945. The LaSalle Hotel is conveniently located at Madison and LaSalle Sts. so getting there should be no problem for any of us in the Chicago area. HELP YOUR CLUB

A.N.A. CONVENTION MISCELLANEA

Thirty or more C.C.C. members and their wives, who attend meetings at least now and then, were at the August 12-16 convention in Philadelphia. Other members away from the Chicago area swelled the figure to about fifty-five. Admitting that this list may be incomplete these were reported by CHATTER scouts Cliff Lindall and Peter Spadoni: Dave Allen, The Babkas, The Bebees, The Boosels, Kenneth Bressett, James Budd, Philip & June Budd, The Dodsons, The Dolnicks, Dennis Forgue, Paul Ginther Ralph Goldstone, The Grebingers, Kenn Henderson, the Lee Hewitts, Matt Jackson, The D.

Gerda Birkholz will show slides illustrating a talk on the trip which she and Al took to Germany recently. From comments your editor has heard from them, I believe this will be a most interesting talk.

Wayne Johnsons, Art Kagin, The Kopickis, Chet Krause, The Lessners, Cliff & Mae Lindall, The Louths, The Mores and William, Ben Oddesser, Richard Peterson, The Rotherts, Margo Russell, Tommy Ryan, The Sheldons, Arlie Slabaugh, Leonard Stark, Glenn Smedley, Peter Spadoni, Martin Vink, Louis S. Werner, The Yeomans and Frank Zaylik.

Total attendance during the five days was reported as 7,77? The mini-badge intended for the ladies only made a big hit with both sexes. The bourse was a full-house but the exhibits numbered fewer than usual. All-in-all it was exciting with two new mint dedications (United States and Franklin) and quite different A.N.A. election results announced Tuesday and Friday. Talk to someone who was there or come to the September 10 meeting for further details.

Many persons missed the fine souvenir sheet prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for this convention. Depicted was the eagle on the famed "Jackass Note" from Bureau dies. Still available at $1 from the Bureau, Washington, D.C. 20226.

PERSONAL NOTES

Member Morris Thacker sent a card from Ireland to Tom Shugrue in mid-July saying merely that he was having a nice vacation there. It's nice to hear from our travelling members.

Don Doswell, who moved to Decatur (Ill.) a couple of years ago but has been back in Chi. for several months, has accepted a new position in Decatur and it appears that we have lost him "for good" this time. He is office manager for an electrical contractor. We wish success and happiness to Don and Phyllis and family, and hope to see them hereabouts now and then.

During a side-trip to Washington, D.C., enroute to the A.N.A. convention, two Jims (Babka and Grebinger) visited the Bureau of Engraving and Printing where the manager of production took them on a personal tour. Ask them for details, which they will relate enthusiastically.

Sorry I missed reporting August birthdays of Richard and Marion Yeoman in the last issue. The only one I have recorded in September is Californian Ruth Green's on the 30th.

James Grebinger was elected a governor of the Society of Paper Money Collectors, and your editor was named its president at the annual meeting during the A.N.A. convention.

SYDNEY J. HARRIS SAYS

"Rents are high, taxes are high, prices are high, wages are high - but the wages don't meet the prices and the prices don't meet the taxes and the taxes eat up the rent and the rent eats up the wages and here we go round the mulberry bush once more." Inflation, 'tis said, results from too much money in relation to goods and services available. Sounds right, but what I want to know is, who has the too much money?? A phony $3 bill to each of the first three who step forward.

Glenn S.

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I have the following material which I would be pleased to exhibit during the PNG show October 16-18 in the LaSalle Hotel. (Describe it briefly)

It will require____ cases (not more than 3) like those used by the Club. I will place the exhibit sometime Friday and remove it between 4 and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Name Address

Telephone number

CHICAGO COIN CLUB Chatter

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NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

Comments on the October PNG show were favorable, with one big and a few little exceptions. It was advertised to be open until 9 p.m. Saturday but the room was practically empty by 6 p.m., causing disappointment to an unknown number who came late in the afternoon and early evening. A little irritation - the PNG publicity made too little mention of Chicago Coin Club participation (maybe a blessing in disguise this time). *** Committees appointed - Medal of Merit: Harry X Boosel, I. T. Kopicki and Thomas Shugrue; Literary Award: Gerda Birkholz, Lee Hewitt and Glenn Smedley: Nominating: August Hausske, William Pettit and Chester Poderski. *** President Babka announced that the December meeting will be the traditional holiday social evening with no planned program. *** Congratulations were offered to the Aurora Coin Club for its fine annual show in which CCC members Pettit, the Birkholzs, Hausske and Krause took important parts. *** Grebinger and Smedley reported progress being made on the 1969 Annual Bulletin which is expected to be ready for distribution at the January meeting. (it will be at the printer's by the time you read this) *** Exhibitors were Arthur Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Flower, Lee Hewitt and William Pettit. *** Due to transportation troubles, Gary Krug did not get to the meeting so his program will be presented at a later date.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE

The nominating committee, named above, has reported the nomination of each current officer for reelection at the December meeting to his respective office for 1970. Our bylaws provide that "Any five members in good standing may, at the December meeting, file in writing with the secretary nominations, with their consent to serve for any of the elective offices."

JANUARY DINNER MEETING

As has been the custom in recent years, our January 14 meeting is being planned as a dinner meeting at Harding's Restaurant, 21 S. Wabash Ave., with James Budd as chairman this time. It won't be as big an affair as last year but Jim will try to make it a most worthwhile evening. Some arrangements are yet to be completed but there will be a Dutch treat cocktail hour starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner at 7:30. (Tom Shugrue always serves a fine meal and has it ready on time.)

Tickets will be $6.75, including tax and gratuity. Get yours at the December meeting, order by mail from James Budd, c/o Flick-Reedy Corp. 7NO15 York Road, Bensonville, Ill. 60106, or phone him there on 625-1220.

THIS N THAT

Ladies! Bring a $ gift for a grab bag exchange at the December meeting. Bring a cake or cookies too, if you wish. The Club will supply coffee and an assortment of cookies. (Buy the $ gift with a pre-inflation $ if you still have 1)

Congratulations to Howard Eisenberg for being one of three members of a University of Wisconsin law student team which won the regional championship of the National Moot Court Tournament in Milwaukee on Nov. 15. The team will compete in December in the national finals in New York, sponsored by the Bar Association of New York City.

Member Clyde Grimm, 3002 - 26th St., Lubbock Texas 79410 has a birthday December 19.

MAY ALL YOUR HOLIDAYS BE HAPPY DAYS